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To: Lisa McClain-Vanderpool/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/09/2012 09:06 AM
Subject: Re: Nutrient variance study - information request

Lisa,

I saw that Region 8 sent a letter to Montana on its variance on the 6th. The letter doesn't mention any conclusions of the economic analysis the region did on the impact of the variance on private industry -- just wondering if there's anything like that you could share with me. I don't know if there's a formal report or whatever, but if not, if you could comment on the conclusions of the study I'd appreciate it.

I'm writing this as we speak, so the sooner you can get back to me the better. Thanks,
John

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On 12/1/2011 6:27 PM, McClain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov wrote:
Sorry- technical difficulties today.

Here is what I could find out at this point. I might get more but I think this gets at your questions. Let me know if you need more follow up. The "tool" is an analytical tool to help determine the economic need for variances.

- EPA is sensitive to the financial situations that companies and municipalities may find themselves in during these tough economic times. Because of that, EPA is investigating ways, such as variances, to give facilities some temporary relief from the potentially low permit limits that may result from numeric nutrient criteria that states adopt to protect their waters.
- EPA has developed a draft tool to help states determine which facilities, both publicly owned and private, can qualify for variances to the water quality standards based on economics.
- EPA is working closely with Montana to pilot test this new tool.
- EPA plans to share this tool with the other states. States can use the same approach as Montana but would need to use information specific to their own circumstances.

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On 12/1/2011 5:45 PM, McClain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epamail.epa.gov wrote:
John - did you receive a message from me recently? I don't see it in my sent messages.

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